LIFE IN NEW KLONDIKE. CARNEGIE SUED AGAIN. THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

Cape Nome is the Richest Gold Belt Ever Discovered.

HIGH PRICES FOR FUEL AND FOOD

Winter Life in Cape Nome-Plenty of Food, But Wood and Coal Are Scarce-Discoveries of Gold in the Beach Sand Go On For Miles East and West-Prospectors Waiting For the Spring Thaws.

TACOMA, Wash. (Special).-Cape Nome news to December 15 was received here by the steamer Humboldt. It was brought by Carl Von Kobelsdorff and Charles D. Campbell, who left Name on December 10, making a trip of 1300 miles to Dawson in fifty-seven days, including rests of six days. They reached Dawson February 5. Immediately upon their arrival the Dawson papers issued extras containing full details of Nome happenings, and these papers, with letters direct from Nome, were rushed through by dog teams traveling in relays day and night from Dawson under Government mail contract.

The news from Cape Nome is that further

winter discoveries prove that that district is undoubtedly the richest gold belt ever discovered. In several districts the men are at work this winter piling up big dumps of gold-bearing sand and gravel

Minority Coke Company Sharehold-

It is Alleged That the Carnegie Steel Company is Getting Its Coke Be-

low Real Value.

PITTSBURG, Penn. (Special). - Suit was begun Monday by the minority stockholders of the Frick Company to annul the contract with the Carnegie Steel Company by which the latter is getting 2,500,000 tons of coke a year at \$1.35 per ton, when the market price of the fuel is about \$3 a ton. The plaintiffs named in the bill are: John Walker for himself and Andrew Carnegie Wilson (minor): S. L. Schoonmaker and John G. Pontefract. The defendants are: The H. C. Frick Coke Company, a corporation; Thomas Lynch, H. C. Frick, George Lauder, A. M. Clemson, Andrew M. Moreland, James Gayley and Thomas Mortison, composing the board of directors for that corporation, and the Carnegie Steel Com-

pany, Limited.
This action is remotely connected with the trouble between H. C. Frick, former Chairman of the Carnegle Steel Company, Limited, and Andrew Carnegie, and was precipitated by the filing of Mr. Frick's bil

in equity to secure an accounting of the affairs of the Carnegie Steel Company.

In this case the plaintiffs seek to enjoin In this case the plaintiffs seek to enjoin the defendants from selling any coke to the Carnegie Steel Company, Limited, under a contract dated January 1, 1899, at a price of \$1.35 a ten the contract to run for a period of five years, and from settling with

the Steel Company for coke already deliv-

ered under the contract. The court is also asked to annul the contract and order an

The plaintiffs allege fraud in the obtain ing of the contract and accuse a majority of the board of directors of the coke company of working solely for the interests of the Carnegie Steel Company, Limited, with

of 51,213, which together constituted more than a majority of the coke company's capital stock. This it is claimed, enabled the Carnegie Steel Company. Limited, and Carnegie, to elect their nominees as directors of the coke company and dominate and control their action.

Early in 1899, it is stated, the steel company and company and dominate and control their action.

pany and Carnegie sat up the pretense that the coke company had contracted a year before to sell to it coke at \$1.35 a ton. The coke company's board of direc-

ton. The coke company's board of direc-tors promptly passed resolutions denying

Then it is charged changes were made in

the directorate in Carnegle's interest, and later, in January, 1899, the directors voted

to the steel company the present contract. This contract, it is claimed by the plaintiffs, is null and void.

NO RELIEF FOR CARTER.

Refusal of the Supreme Court to Take

Up the Case.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The United

States Supreme Court has denied the

application of former Captain Oberlin M

Carter to bring his case into that court There was no written opinion.

OBERLIN M. CARTER.

Having exhausted all judicial avenue

escape from prison, Carter must now be incarcerated in the Fort Leavenworth Penitentiary. There he will serve the sen-tence of five years at hard labor imposed

Abyssinia Gains Territory.
The Anglo-Abyssinian Convent

tween Emperor Menelek and Grean. Metemen, which was within

fluence of the English zone, is new

Died at Her Sister's Bedside.

Mrs. Katharine Kennelly went to the

Mortgage Iudebtedness in Cuba.

Havana, has completed a statement show-

ing the mortgages now existing on proper

ies in Cuba. The total number of incum

ties nominally aggregate \$243,000,000.

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The Labor World.

The United Hatters are spending thou sands of dollars to advertise their unlos

Miners are scarce in Great Britain, and

average advance in wages 12 Wis-

t is difficult to find workmen sufficient

consin for all classes in the year past was

fifteen per cent.
The clgarmakers' strike in Havana was broken, the men returning to work at their

Wage claims for \$149,000 have been filed

for 161 employes of the Dock Department in New York City.

In Wyoming the railroads have raised

wages to \$1.75 per day and cut the board down to \$3.50 per week.

Senor Varona, Secretary of Finance, at

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upon him by the court.

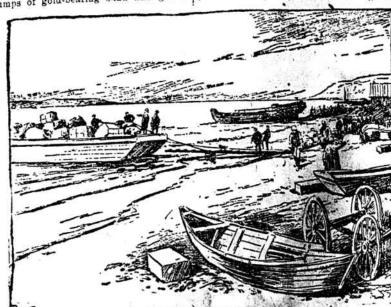
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LANDING FREIGHT AT NOME CITY. (Winter discoveries in Cape Nome prove that it is a richer gold belt than the Klondike.

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which will be washed out as soon as spring thaw comes. Numerous nuggets have been found, ranging in value from \$35 to

The greatest activity prevails in the bo-The greatest activity prevaits in the Donanza district adjacent to Nome City. Beyond Cape York the Arctic district has been laid out. Rich pay has been found there, and it is certain that hundreds of preparations will be these form.

there, and it is certain that hundreds of prospectors will go there from Nome early next summer. The beach is supposed to be rich as far north as Port Clarence. Thore are places, however, where it will pay only for hydraulic operations.

Provisions are plentiful at Cape Nome, and there will be no suffering there for food supplies. Wood and coal are very scarce. All available wood has been used for ten miles on either side of Nome City. Wood brings \$50 to \$60 a cord, and it is a very poor article at that. The coal supply is very meagre and coal is sold by the pound, bringing seven and as high as eight cents a pound.

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cents a pound.

Men having small excess stocks of flour, beans and bacon have been able to trade thom for interests in some of the richest claims on Auvil and other creeks. In this respect the scenes witnessed in Dawson during the winter of 1897, have been oft In this repeated. Saloons and sporting houses are making fortunes. In a letter to the

Dawson Daily News, Major J. F. Strong, editor of the Nome News, says:

"Some of the winter finds have been phenomenal. Nuggets worth as high as \$36 have been found while those worth from \$1 to \$5 each are very common. Authentic cases are reported where two men late last fall rocked out \$600 in a single day of ten hours. Including the early winter work the coast has been prospected for a dis-tance of forty miles west of Nome, and for nearly a similar distance in an easterly direction. The great bulk of beach gold has been found between Nome River on the east and Penny River on the west, a dis tance of about fifteen miles. The evidence of the way the sands were upturned are now visible only in places, the high tides of early December having obliterated most traces of the work.

"Prospecting will be carried on all winter. Many miners believe that the richest sands will be found below the low water mark. As soon as the lee is frozen solidly to the bottom of the shore they will cut out chunks of ice and prospect there. This work will solve the much vexed question as to the origin of gold in the beach sand. determining whether it was washed from unknown sources in the bosom of the deep. The ground is found frozen to an unknown depth as in the Klondike, and if it should prove as rich as expected, an area of the country will be developed that will be greater than a score of Klondikes rolled into one."

KENTUCKY OFFICIALS SWORN IN. Minor Officers Then Go to State House But Do Not Get In.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Special) .- The State Contest Board awarded certificates of election to all of the Democratic contestants for minor State offices. Immediately afterward the contestants were sworn in and went to the State House in a body, where they made a formal demand on the Repub lican incumbents for possession of the offices, but the demands were not acceded

The Democratic contestants sworn i are: Secretary of State, C. B. Hill; Attorney-General, Robert J. Breckinridge; Auditor, Gus G. Coulter; Treasurer, Wilbur Hager: Superintendent of Public Instruc-tion, H. V. McChesney.

The cierk of the Court of Appeals, Mr.

Shackelford, administered the outh of office to all the contestants for office other than Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.

Recommended Shooting Spanish Officers In replying to Spanish criticism Rear-Admiral Sampson said he had recommended shooting two Spanish captains for de-

stroying ships after surrendering them in the naval battle near Santiago de Cuba. Sensational Murder and Suicide.

Wilson Wakelin, a tarmer, residing near Mercy Hospital in Pittsburg, Penn., to see Brock, Neb., murder 3 his wife, formerly President of the W. C. T. U., of Nebraska, by cutting her thront. He then went to her sick sister, Mrs. John Reardon. Her cometery where his first wife was buried and standing on her grave cut his own throat and fell dead.

Georgia Bank Robbed.

The Perry Loan and Savings Bank at Perry, Ga., was entered and robbed of \$3500. The vault door was blown open by dynamite as was also the inner money vault. The loss is covered by burglar inвигансе.

Dewey's Prize Claim Cut Down. The United States Court of Claims at Washington rendered a decision on the claim of Admiral Dewey for prize money on account of the destruction of the Span-ish fleet in Manila harbor. The court deagainst the Admiral's contention that the enemy's force was superior to his, and awarded him \$9,570.

Fifteen Years For Robbery of Four Cents. Hugh McCann, of Cohoes, N. Y., convicted of highway robbery and assault, was sentenced to fifteen years in Dannemora McCann was indicted jointly with Archie Langlier in holding up an old man named Levallez, in Cohoes, in December last, and taking four cents from him

Over Sixty Million People on the ers Charge Fraud. Verge of Starvation.

MANY DEATHS FROM THE PLAGUE.

The Worst is Yet to Come-Spring and Summer Will Bring a Greater Scarcity -Crops Are a Failure and Cattle Die -Viceroy Advocates the Use of Anti-Plague Inoculation.

BOMBAY (By Cable) .- The plague in India continues virulent. With over 61, 000,000 of people affected by 'the famine and about 4,000,000 in receipt of relief, India seems in bad plight, though the death rate over the 550,000 square miles of the famine area is decreasing. The Indian Government has issued a resolution approving Professor Haffkin's anti-plague inoculation, and the Viceroy, Lord Curzon is advocating its use throughout India.

Detailed reports from the various prov inces affected all agree in saying that never before in the history of the country has so dire a calamity of such stupendous magni-tude overtukendt. Not only has the pro-longed drought been a record one in every

longed drought been a record one in every way, but the people themselves are far lest prepared to face a period of distress and scarcity than is usually the case.

The present famine comes on the top of series of bad years and poor and indifferent harvests. Only three years ago the country was afflicted by a severe famine, from which it has not yet had time to recover. The people are consequently impoverished to a degree and in no way prepared to face the present disaster which has overtaken them. has overtaken them.

There are close on four millions of people on famine relief. The number is growing at the rate of something like a quarter of a million weekly. And the worst pinch of the famine has not yet been felt. That will come later, in the spring and early summer. It is difficult to realize the ex-tent of the famine relief operations which will be necessary in two or three months' time. They will tax the resources of Gov-ernment, both in men and money, to an extent never before heard of, or even contemplated.

Aiready all available officials are working practically continuously on famine relief in the affected areas. But these areas are so immense, the distances so great, and the pressure of work so enormous that afreads. it is apparent that there are not half enough workers in the field. A single official may have an area of 10,000 square miles, with a population of 1,000,000 in his immediate charge. Under these circumstances much of the minor detail has to be left in the hands of native subordinates. But, unfor-tunately, these subordinates, true to the immemorial customs of the Orient, are to a great extent corrupt and dishonest to an

extraordinary degree.
The war in South Africa affects the famine No charitable relief can be expected from England, the various war funds draining all superfluous money into their coffers In the famine of three years ago not less than \$2,500,000 was subscribed in England for charitable relief in India. Now, with an infinitely worse famine, it is impossible to expect from the mother country so

much as a single dollar.

The scarcity, on the top of a series of bad years, has affected the people to an extraordinary degree. They are resigned phlegmatic, helpless and hopeless. Lord Sandhurst, the Governor of Bombay, reports that the famine has affected serious. ly a higher stratum of society than has ever been the case before. The same might be said with equal truth of other parts of India.

parts of India.

From all parts come reports of crops either wholly spoiled or simply non-existent. The cotton crop in some of the most renowned cotton districts is said to be not one-twentieth of the normal yield. In many districts it is not worth gathering in. The yield of all India is less by some 700,000 bales than was the case last year, The ground nut crop is but an eighth of last year's crop. The wheat crop will be wretched. In many districts it was impossible to carry out sowings, owing to the theoretic districts and the sowings. intense dryness of the soil. In others the seeds either never germinated or the young plants withered and dried.

Cattle are now dying by tens of thousands. In many places peasants are with difficulty keeping their beasts alive by means of dried jeaves, the thatch of houses weeds, and similar rubbish. It being against the religious principles of the Hindus to kill their cattle, even when they are dying in intense agony of thirst and hunger, the poor beasts are turned loose in thousands in the desert to die mis erably, their wretched skeletons being speedily picked clean by jackals and vul-

Meanwhile crime, the invariable accompaniment of famine, stalks abroad. The police are unable to cope with it, and from many quarters dome reports of assaults, lighway robberles, and even murders. highway robberies, and even murders, car ried out publicly and in the light of day. The money leaders especially appear to be marked down for the people's wrath. In one district alone a dozen such have been robbed and beaten within the space of a single month. All books, deeds, and the like are invariably burned on these occasions, and the loss to the bankers, all na

tives, is of course immense.

Lord Curson, in an important speech
has publicly admitted on behalf of his
Government that the famine is the worst ready pointed out, the most severe perior

CHICAGO THIEVES' NEW CAME. Woman Arouses Sympathy and Admits Confederate to House.

CHICAGO (Special),-With the plea that she wanted a drink of water, a young and protty woman, wearing a black tailor-made gown sained entrance to the home of Mrs. Margaret Burke, in this city, and then robbed her. The' young womat knocked at the door of Mrs. Burke's little oottage and said she was faint and wanted

knocked and said she was taken of take of water.

Mrs. burke burded to the kitchen to secure a glass of water, and when she recurs a glass of water wa \$100 you have we want nighty said the men, as he pointed a re three Burke's head. The thiever of the house, but found only \$20 key took.

Chinaman Commits Suicide. fow Wing, the Ohinaman secently con-ted of murder in Bingham City, Utab, sentenced to be shot, committed sul-by banging bimself in his cell.

Proliest Son a Suicide hael Sullivan, Jr., aged thirty-five of Philadelphia, who robbed his of father of his savings of many years out a month ago and then disappeared, urned home a few days ago almost pen-ess, and-committed suicide by blowin g sister, who was asleep, was so wasted away by fever that Mrs. Kennelly fell dead of bless, and-commissionek. The body was removed while Mrs. Reardon was still asleep.

Publishers Want Congress to Investigate The American Newspaper Publishers' Association met in New York City and adopted resolutions asking Congress to inquire into the advance in the price of paper, which they held to be without warrant and due to the workings of a trust.

Newsy Gleanings. An epidemić of burglaries is sweeping over Long Island.

James Walker, of Wilmington, N. C., is to provide the City Hospital there with a building to cost \$30,000.

The New York Fire Department has pur chased the searchlight engine which it has been testing, at a contract price of \$5900. The Prussian Minister of Commerce is

working on bills to be presented to the Reichstag for the control of trusts and A census of the demented, deaf, dumb or blind persons in Delaware is being taken by Dr. Hanker, of the Delaware State Hos-pital

Washington Items

Congress has been appealed to by the vay and Treasury Departments to act as impire in a radical difference of opinion egarding the surveys of the new island ossessions.

Secretary of War Root made an argument n favor of the Army Reorganization bil efore the House Military Committee.

A report on Pacific cable surveys by Commander Hodges, of the Nero, shows that a thoroughly practicable route was The Hon, Lilian Pauncefote, third daugh

er of Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Amried to Mr. Robert Bromley, Honorary At-tache of the British Embassy, in the pres-ence of a distinguished company.

General Otis has asked the War Depart ment for 1000 pairs of handcuffs and 200 pairs of shackles. They are to be used principally to restrain insans American

Our Adopted Islands.

During the Hawalian debate in the United States Senate Mr. Pettigrew offered an amendment to declare null and void all contracts for labor made since August 12, 1898. It was adopted.

Lieutenaut J. C. Gillmore, the leader of the Yorktown's little band who were held captive by the Filipinos for so many months, has started on his way home from Manila on the Solace.

The strike at Clentuegos, Cuba, was de-slared off on the order of Mayor Frias, who had all along encouraged the strikers. His action was due to pressure brought to ear by General Wood. The first important strike among Porto

Rican laborers began when 500 men who had been constructing the military road from Ponce to Adjuntas demanded five cents an hour. The present rate of pay is cents an hour. The .There are about 62,500 soldiers in the Philippines, of which about 31,000 are regular troops and about 31,500 are volun-

Cuba's independence day was generally observed in Havana by processions of clubs and outdoor sports. Already there are 100,000 Cuban children t school on the island, and it is estimated

that by the 1st of May there will be 50,000

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more.

Dr. William Tod Helmuth, in delivering als annual lecture to the class of 1900 of the New York Homeopathic College, denied that agnosticism has been fostered d that agnosticism has been fostered w the microscope.

Pessenger agents of the railroads enterng the Northwest from Chicago estimate hat during the next three months 3000 per-ons will be taken from Chicago to Cape ioms, in the Alaska gold fields. W. J. Flynn, of the United States Secret

Service at Pittsburg arrested George Austin in Tamerack Mountain, Clinton County, Jenus, for the manufacture and passage of souther liberature. ounterfelt money. Mrs. Elizabeth Wessels died in Green

vich, Conn., Just a week after her hus-and's funeral. She survived him only sleven days. She was eighty-one years James Mansen, of Putnam, Conn., is suf-

ering from poisoning with mercury, which t is believed was administered in coffee erved in his own house.

The Rising Sun (Md.) Postoffice was proken into and robbed of \$800 in money and stamps. The thieves escaped. The lafe was forced with dynamits. The Democratic State Committee of Inlians fixed June 6 as the date of the State Jonvention. The convention will be held

at Indianapolis. The Virginia Legislature has made June Jefferson Davis's birthday, a legal holilay in Virginia.

Tom Hammond and C. C. Geary were arested at Jacksonville, Fla., charged with nurdering the three members of the Boberts family ten days ago, and with robbing them of \$10,000.

Mrs. J. A. B. Scully, who married her grandmother's coachman and recently inherited \$200,000, has entered suit against her husband for separation in the Probate Court of Fail River, Mass.

FA severe storm was felt in Northern Ohio and the upper part of New York State, and in the gale off the New England two coal barges went ashore near Boston Light.

At Mechanicsville, S. C., James Gardner, aged fifty-five, a prosperous merchant, after making a will leaving all his property to the young girl who had rejected took strychnine and died.

Chief Wash A. Kie, of the Eastern Sho shone Indians, died on Wind River reservation, in Wyoming, at the age of ninety-Some time ago he was baptized by three. Some time ago he was baptized by an Episcopal minister. His son will succeed

In one of the benzola corn oil tanks at the plant of the Decatur Cereal Mill Company at Decatur, Ill., Edwin C. Vance, the mananger, and Irving Edgar, one of the attendants, met instant death. They were overcome by the fumes of the benzola.

Henry C. Miner, who had had a successcareer as a theatrical manager and owner of theatres, and a former Congress-man, died suddenly at his home in New

Jesse Overstreet, author of the House financial bill, was renominated for Con-cress from the Seventh Indiana District by he Republican district convention. Th comination was by acclamation. The Republicans and Populists of Louis

tana are arranging a compromise by which the vote of the disaffected Democrats of the State may be controlled in the State campaign May next.

A concern in Iowa is making farm wagons wholly of steel, and it can scarcely all the orders that pour in from the wheat growers out in the Dakotas and other parts

The Hazleton (Penn.) authorities have aken vigorous steps to suppress the sale of cigarettes to boys at the public schools.

Foreign.

Two more white persons and eight ianakas have died from the bubonic plague in New Caledonia. The Colonial Patriotic Fund Committee

orwarded \$15,000 to the London Imperial Fund; as the first installment of Newfound and's subscription. A retired German army officer charges

that the army has been weakened by the Kaiser's changes in the regulations. The total Boer losses in killed and wounded since the beginning of the war is given on the best authority at not over wounded having been published in the official Boer papers, the ages which were countried in most cases ranging from nineteen cases for fifty

ears to fifty. The highest Prussian court has decided that the American title of "Doctor" can-not be used in Prussia without a special permit from the Government. France and Switzerland will hold a tele-

shone convention to regulate the service etween the two countries. The independence of Slam is said to be hrestened by a proposed French expediion to seize Hainan. Artificial coal is being made at Kill and

Mannhelm. The situation throughout Germany is desperate.

Herr Ilg, King Menelik's chief, who is in Marseilles, France, refutes the story that the King is planning an anti-English coup

Italy's foreign trade last year aggregat-31 \$587,595,600 and surpassed all records. Five Egyptian officers have been cash ered in the Soudan for insubordination and sent as prisoners to Cairo. Discovery of the mutilated body of

Phomas M. Atkinson, a marine of the United States cruiser Prairie, in the canal Havre, indicates that he was murdered and robbed by seaport thugs. The Colombian newspapers are discussing the reported discovery by a German engineer named Krwiese of an Isthmian canal route which is only eleven miles long.

The German Government was defeated in the Reichstag on a motion to repeal a measure enforced in Alsace-Lorraine. The British House of Commons rejected the Irish Existen Tananta' bill

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON, lose a friend. The trial is keen, sharp,

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject: A Religion of Ghosts-Swirltnalista Denounced as Necromancy and Delusion-Its Disciples Are Doomed-It Causes Insanity Among Its Victims.

[Copyright 1900.] Washington, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage discusses a theme never more under exploration than at this time and warns people against what he calls a re-ligion of gheats; text, I Samuel xxviii., 7: "Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor. And Saul disguised himself and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and

they came to the woman by night.' Trouble to the right of him and trouble to the left of him, Saul knew not what to do. As a last resort he concluded to seek out a spiritual medium or a witch or any thing that you please to call her—a woman who had communication with the spirits of the eternal world. It was a very diffi-cult thing to do, for Saul had either slain all the witches or compelled them to stop business. A servant one day said to King Saul, "I know of a spiritual medium down at the village of En-dor." "Do you," said the king. Night falls. Saul, putting off his kingly robes and putting on the dress of spling officer. With two servants, goes

his kingly robes and putting on the dress of a plain citizen, with two servants, goes out to hunt up this medium.

Saul and his servants after awhile reached the village, and they say, "I wonder if this is the house," and they look in, and they see the haggard, weird and shriveled up spiritual medium sitting by the light and on the table sculptured images and divining rods and poisonous he is and bottles and vases. They say, "Yes, this must be the place." One loud rap brings the woman to the door, and as she stands there, holding the candle or lamp above her head and peering out into lamp above her head and peering out into the darkness, she says, "Who is here?" the darkness, she says, "Who is here?" The tall king informs her that he has come to have his fortune told. When she hears that, she trembles and almost drops the light, for she knows there is no chance for a fortune teller or spiritual medium in all the land. But Saul having sworn that no harm shall come to her, she says, "Well, who shall I bring up from the dead?" Saul says, "Bring up Samuel." That was the prophet who had died a little while before, I see her waving a wand, or stirring up some poisonous herbs in a caldron, or bear her muttering over some incanta-tions, or stamping with her foot as she cries out to the realm of the dead: "Samuel, Samuel!" Lo, the freezing hor-ror! The floor of the tenement opens, and the gray hairs float up and the forebead, the eyes, the lips, the shoulders, the arms, the feet—the entire body of the dead Samnel—wrapped in sepulchral robe, ap-pearing to the astonished group, who stagger back and hold fast and catch

their breath and shiver with terror.

The dead prophet, white and awful from the tomb, begins to move his ashen lips, and he giares upon King Saul and cries out: "What did you bring me up for? What do you mean, King Saul?" Saul, trying to company and control himself. trying to compose and control himself, makes this stammering and uffrighted utterance as he says to the dead prophet: "The Lord is against me, and I have to you for help. What shall I do?" dead prophet stretched forth his finger to King Saul and said: "Die to-morrow! Come with me into the sepulcher. I am going now. Come, come with me!" And, io, the floor again opens, and the feet of the dead prophet disappear and the arms and the shoulders and the forehead! The

floor closes. Oh, that was an awful seance! To unlatch the door between the present state and the future state all the fingers of superstition have been busy. We have books entitled "Footfalls on the Boun-daries of Other Worlds," "The Debatable Land Between This World and the Next,"
"Researches Into the Phenomena of Spiritualism" and whole libraries of hocus pocus, enough to deceive the very elect. I shall not take time to rehearse the history of divination, Delphie oracle, sibyl or palmistry or the whole centuries of imposture.

Modern spiritualism proposes to open the door between this world and the next and put us into communication with the dead. It has never yet offered one reasonable credential.

When I find Saul in my text consulting a familiar spirit, I learn that spiritualism is

a very old religion.
Spiritualism in American was born in the year 1847, in Hydesville, Wayne County, N. Y., when one night there was a loud rap heard against the door of Michael Weekman; a rap a second time, a rap a third time, and all three times. When the door was opened, there was nothing found there, the knocking having been made seemingly by invisible knuckles.

accomingly by invisible knuckles.

After awhile Mr. Fox with his family moved into that house, and then they had langings at the door every night. One night Mr. Fox criedout, "Are you a spirit?" Two raps—answer in the affirmative. "Are you an injured spirit?" Two raps—answer to the affirmative. r the affirmative. Then they knew right

year ofore and who had been robbed of his \$500. Whether the spirit of the peddler came back to collect his \$500 or his bones do not know.

The excitement apread. There was a universal rumpus. The Hon, Judge Edmonds declared in a book that he had actually seen a bell start from the top shell of a closet, heard it ring over the people that were standing in the closet; then, swung by invisible bands, it rang over the people in the back parlor and floated through the folding doors to the front parlor, rang over the people there and then dropped on the floor. A Senator of the United States, afterward Governor, of Wisconsin, had his head quite inroed with spiritualistic demonstrations. The tables tipped, and the stools tilted, and the bedsteads raised, and the chairs upset, and it seemed as if the spirits everywhere had gone into the furniture business! "Well," the people said, "we have got something new in this country. It is a new religion!" Oh, no, my friend, thousands of years ago, we find in our text, a spiritualistic seance!

Nothing in the spiritualistic circles of

our day has been more strange, mysterious and wonderful than things which have been seen in past centuries of the world. In all ages there have been, necromancers, those who consult with the spirits of the departed: charmers, those who put their subjects in a meameric state; sorcerers, those who by taking poisonous drugs see everything and hear everything and tell everything; dreamers, people who in their eleeping moments can see the future world and hold consultation with spirits. Yes, before the time of Christ, the Brahmans went through all the table moving, all the furniture excitement, which the spirits have exploited in our day, precisely the same thing over and over again, under the manipulation of the Brahmans. Now, do you say that spiritualism is different from these? I answer, all these delusions I have mentioned belong to the same family. They are exhumations from the unseed world.

What does God think of all these delupions? He thinks so severely of them that He never speaks of them but with livid thunders of indignation. He says, "I will be a swift witness against the sorcerer.' He snys, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to Не внуя And lest you might make some important distinction between spiritualism and witcherait God says in so many words, "There shall not be among you a consulter of familiar spirits, or wizard, or necromancer, for they that do these things are an abomination gate the Lord." The Lord God Almighty in a score of passages which I have not now time to quote utters His indignation against all this great family of delusions. After that be a spiritualist if you dure! Still further, we learn from this text how

it is that people come to fall to spiritual-ism. Saul had enough trouble to kill ten men. He did not know where to go for relief. After awhile he resolved to go and see the witch of En-dor. He expected that somehow she would afford him relief. It was his trouble drove him there. And I have to tell you now that spiritualism ands its victims in the troubled, the bank-rupt, the sick, the bereit. You lose your watch, and you go to the fortune teller to find where it is.

You lose a friend; you want the spir-itual world opened, so that you may have communication with him. In a highly wrought, nervous and diseased state of mind you go and put yourself in that communication. That is why I England have decided to establish at hate spiritualism. It takes advantage and temperance sermon, to be delived of one in a moment of weakness, which each year in Manchester, by proming come upon us at any time. We ministers of different denominations.

sufficienting, almost maddening. It we could marshal a host and storm the eternal world and recapture our loved SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT one, the nost would soon be marshaled. The house is so lonely. The world is so THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE. dark. The separation is so insufferable, But spiritualism says, "We will open the future world, and your loved one can come back and talk to you." Though we may not hear his voice, we may hear the rap of his hand. So, clear the table. Sit down. Put your hands on the table. Be very quiet. Five minutes gone. Ten minutes. No motion of the table. No response from

the future world. Twenty minutes. Thirty minutes. Nervous excitement all the time

Pretty soon the hand of the medium be-

gins to twitch and toss and begins to write

out, after paper and ink are furnished, a message from the eternal world. What is

remarkable, the departed spirit, although

t has been amid the illuminations of the

heaven, cannot spell as well as it used to.

It has lost all grammatical accuracy and cannot write as distinctly. I received a

letter through a medium once. I sent it back. I said, "Just please to tell those

ghosts they had better go to school and get

improved in their orthography." Now, just think of spirits, that the Bible represents as enthroned in glory, coming down to crawl under the table and break crock-

ery and ring tea bells before supper is ready and rap the window shutter on a gusty night! What consolation in such miserable stuff as compared with the con-solation of our departed friends free from toil and sin and pain are forever happy

and that we will join them, not in mysteri-ous and half utterance which makes the hair stand on end and makes cold chills

creep the back, but in a reunich most blessed and happy and glorious!

And none shall murmur or misdoubt

When God's great sunrise finds us out.

Many years ago the steamer Atlantic started from Europe for the United States.

Getting midocean, the machinery broke, and she floundered around day after day

and week after week, and for a whole month after she was due people wondered and finally gave her up. There was great anguish in the cities, for there were many

who had friends aboard that vessel. Some of the women in their distress went to the spiritual medium and inquired as to the

ate of that vessel. The medium called up

the spirits, and the rappings on the table

indicated the steamship lost, with all on

board. Women went raving mad and were carried to the lunatic asylum. After

while one day a gun was heard off quaran-

tine. The flags went up on the shipping, and the belis of the churches were rung.

The boys ran through the streets crying: "Extra! The Atlantic is safe!" There was

the embracing as from the dead when

those passengers went up to find their wives in the lunatic asylum, where this

them.

riends came again to friends, but some of

theat of infernal spiritualism had put

I bring against this delusion a more

fearful indictment—it rules the soul immortal. First, it makes a man a quarter of anliandel; then it makes him half an in-

of an initial in the set in the last at the fidel; then it makes him a whole infidel.

If God is ever slapped in the face, it is when a spiritual medium puts down berhand on the table, invoking spirits departed to make a revelation. God has told

you all you ought to know, and how dare you be prying into that which is none of your business? You cannot keep the Bible

n one hand and spiritualism in the other One or the other will slip out of your grasp, depend upon it. Spiritualism is adverse to the Bible, in the fact that it has in

these last days called from the future world Christian men to testify against

Christianity. Its mediums call back Lorenzo Dow, the celebrated evangelist, and Lorenzo Dow testifies that Christians

and Lorenzo Dow testines that Christians are idolaters. Spiritualism calls back Tom Paine, and he testifies that he is stopping in the same house in heaven with John Bunyan. They call back John Wesley, and he testifies against the Christian religion.

which he all his life gioriously preached. Andrew Jackson Davis, the greatest of all

the spiritualists, comes to the front and de-

clares that the New Tastament is but "the dismal echo of a barbaric age" and the Bible only "one of the pen and ink relies

I have in my house a book used in spir-

itualistic service, It contains a catechism and a hymn book. The catechism has these

questions and answers:
Q. What is our chief baptism? A. Fre-

Q. What is our inspiration? A. Fresh air and sunshine.
Q. What is our love feast? A. Clear conscience and sound short.

conscience and sound sleep.
Q. What is our prayer? A. Physical ex-

And then it goes on to show that a great

proportion of their religious service is a system of calisthenics. Then when they want to arouse the devotion of the people

to the highest pitch they give out the hym on the sixty-fifth page:

The night hath gathered up her silken

Come to the woods, heigh ho!

"But," says some one, "wouldn't it be of advantage to hear from the future world? Don't you think it would strength-

en Christians? There are a great many materialists who do not believe there are

souls, but if spirits from the future world

would be persuaded." To that I answar i

neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead."

I believe these are the days of which the

the ringing words of the Son of God, they believed not Moses and the prophe

should knock and talk over to us

or wizard, or necromancer, for the

do those things are an abomination unto

the Lord," and, "The soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits I will set Myself against them, and they shall be cut off from their people."

But I invite you now to a Christian seance, a noonday seance. This congregation is only one great family. Here is

gation is only one great family. Here is the church table. Come around the church table; take your seats for this great Chris-

tian seance; put your Bible on the table, put your hands on top of the Bible and then

listen and hear if there are any voices com-ing from the eteranl world. I think there are. Listen! "Secret things belong unto

the Lord, our God, but things that are re-vealed belong unto us and to our chil-dren." Surely that is a voice from the spirit

world. But before you rise from this Chris-tian seance I want you to promise me you will be satisfied with the Divine revelation

until the light of the eternal throne breaks upon your vision. Do not go after the witch of En-dor. Do not sit down at table

Teach your children there are no ghosts to be seen or heard in this world save those wisch walk on two feet or four human or the save the

the best is a useless thing, for if it tells

what the Bible reveals it is a superfluity, and if it tells what the Bible does not re-

veni it is a lie.
Instead of going to get other people to

tell your fortune tell your own fortune by putting your trust in God and doing the

best you can. I will tell your fortune, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Insult not your departed

friends by asking them to come down and

serabble under an extension (able. Remember that there is only one spirit

member that there is only one spirit whose dictation you have a right to hroke, and that is the holy, blessed and omnipotent spirit of God. Harki He is rapping now, not on a table or the floor, but rapping on the door of your heart, and every rap is an invitation to Christ and a warning of judgment to come; On writer Him not away! One of the come is the come of th

Oh, grieve Him not away! Quench Him

morning. He was all around you last night. He has been around you all your

tender, overmastering intonation, saying

The committee of the Manchester, Sal-

ford and District Temperance Union of England have decided to establish an an-

nual temperance sermon, to be delivered onch year in Manchester, by prominent

lives. Hark! There comes a voice

"My spirit shall not always strive."

He has been all around you this

bestini.

Remember that spiritualism at

fringes. Or, on the fifteenth page:

f Christianity

uent ablution in water.

What Have You Done To-Day?-Brandy Should Never Be Used as a Specific For the Care of Nervous Debility-It Atfords Sham Relief.

THE GREAT DESTROYER.

saw a farmer when the day was done; The setting sun had sought its crimson And the mild stars came forward one by

minutes. Nervous excitement all the time increasing. Two raps from the future world. The letters of the alphabet are called over. The departed friend's name is John. At the pronunciation of the letter 'J two raps. At the pronunciation of the letter O two raps. At the pronunciation of the letter H two raps. At the pronunciation of the letter N two raps. There you have the whole name spelled out—J-o-h-n, John. Now, the spirit being present, you say, "John, are you happy?" Two raps give an affirmative answer. Pretty soon the hand of the medium beone;
I saw the sturdy farmer, and I said"What have you done to-day!
O, farmer, say."
Oh, I have sown the wheat in youder field, And pruned my orchard, to increase the yield, And turned the furrow for a patch of

corn—
This have I done since morn," I saw a blacksmith in his smithy door, When the day had vanished and the west grew red. And all the merry strife and noise were o'er; I saw the kindly blacksmith, and I said:

"What have you done to-day?
O, blacksmith say." "Oh, I have made two plowshares all complete,

And nailed the shoes on many a horse's feet; And-O, my friend, I cannot tell you half," The man of muscle answered with a laugh. I saw a miller when the day was done.

And all the sunshine from the hills had

And tender shadows crept across the

lawn;
I saw a dusky miller; and I said:
"What have you done to-day?
O, miller, gray."
"Ob, I have watched my mill from morn till night; Did you ever see flour so snowy white? And many are the mouths to-day I've

And merry miller laughed as this he said. I saw another when the night drew nigh. And turned each daily toller from his task, When gold and crimson cloudlets decked

the sky.
"What have you done to-day?" Dram-selier, say."
But the drink-seller turned, with drooping head, And not a single word in answer said. What had he done? His work, he knew

full well. Was plunging souls in deepest hell!

Alasi drink-seller, on that awful day When death shall call you, and your race is run, How can you answer? What can you say When God shall question you, have you done?"

How can you meet the eye Of the Most High? When night approaches, and the day grows

late,
Think you to find your way to heaven's gate? Think you to dwell with the souls of righteous men?
Taink you to enter in? If not, what then?

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A Popular Failacy.

The idea of using brandy as a specific for the cure of nervous debility (as caused by overwork, mental worry, etc.) is only another form of the popular fallacy which mistakes a process of irritation for a pro-

"Alcohol is neither a food nor a generator of force in the human body," says Dr.
N.S. Davis, ex-President of the American
Medical Association, "though like ether and chloroform, its presence diminishes the sensibility of the nervous system and brain, thereby rendering the individual less conscious of all outward impressions. This diminution of sensibility may be seen 'n all its stages from simple weight, exhibited by ease, buoyancy, hilarity, to that of complete unconsciousness and loss of muscular power. It has long been one of the noted paradoxes of human physiology, that the same individual would resort to the same alcoholic drink to warm him in winter and protect from heat in sum-mer, to strength when weak and weary, and soothe and calm when afflicted in body or mind. The fact is that alcohol achieves those effects simply by lessening our consciousness of impressions. while its presence diminishes the sensibil-ity of the nervous system, it also injures the functional efficiency of the organism tends to retard the process of nutri-

tion and elimination."
It might be added that even that shamrelief is confined to the brief initial period of the poison-fever, and that the net result of the experiment never fails to aggravate the symptoms of whatever distress may have tempted the sufferer to invoke the

treacherous aid of alcohol.
One great temptation in the practice of physicians privately opposed to the use of alcohol in any form, is the promptness of that apparent relief effected by large dos of alcoholic stimulants. The patient applies for a remedy, not for a lecture on the phys-iological offects of his unsaultary habits, and cerhaps oven believes in the existence of miraculcus specifics that would enable. him to reconcile those habits with the en joyment of permanent health. It would be difficult to convince him that total abstinence from stimulants, combined with frugality and outdoor exercise, would ultimately effect a far more thorough cure; he demands more direct results, and believes to have got his money's worth in the form of a prescription by which those results have been apparently accomplished. He deludes himself with the hope that the momentary feeling of relief might be accepted as asymptom of permanent im-I believe these are the days of which the apostie spake when he said, "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving need to seducing spirits." Audieces in their hearing the passages I quoted in their hearing the passages I quoted some minutes ago. "There shall not be among you a consulter of familiar spirits, or wigard or necromanear, for they that

provement. But is it not, on the other hand, more than probable that the inevitable disap-pointment of that hope has done much to weaken the confidence in the trustworthi ness of medical prescriptions in general? Here as elsewhere, absolute honesty might, after all, prove the wisest plan.

An Insidious Evil.

The persistency with which the daily papers continue to inform us that the drink habit is growning among women is alarming. If it be true, as a leading New York paper asserts upon the authority of "one of the 400," that Delmonico's and the Waldorf-Astoria are the scenes of drunked debauchery upon the part of women of the most exclusive circles of New York society, and that lady members of leading aristocratic families go about the streets of New York, in public places and in the homes of their friends, with their breath reeking with the fumes of liquor, a new and specially dangerous phase of the liquor problem confronts us. There is nothing incredible in the reports.

The morality of the women of a nation seldom remains for a great length of time at a higher grade than the morality of the men.—The New Voice.

The Crusade in Brief. There are 250,000 places where liquor is

sold in this country. Why should any man who sells liquor why should the man who sets added have anything to do with the governing of the public schools?

When the liquor dealer gets rich enough to build a brown stone front he has a right to call it "The house that "ing" built."

Switzerland has three institutions for the cure of drunkards, which record permanent cures in one-half of the cases treated. At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society Secretary of the Navy John D. Long was elected Presi-

dent. The average savings bank deposits for each citizens of Illinois is \$6.14, of Ohio, \$9.42, and of the prohibition State Maine,

The students of Nebraska Wesleyan University at Lincoln have organized a pro-hibition club with thirty-nine charter

The world's W. C. T. U. Convention will be held this summer in Edinburgh, and two hundred delegates are expected to go from this country.

Three hundred and fifty drinking saloons have been introduced into Manila consequent upon the American expedition to the Philippines, and these are chiefly patronized by them. The Filipines do not like the introduction of these canteen and dramshops into their midst.